



# Parish of St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield

## Sacramental Preparation 2025-26

8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Families,

Reminding us of the abiding presence of God's love in our lives, a highlight of any year in the life of a parish, is the celebration of First Holy Communion for our children. We look forward to the next few months, supporting you in preparing your children for this most important day.

We would like to invite you to one of the two meetings we are holding for parents to introduce how the journey will progress this year. Parents, as first educators, are central in accompanying your children, and the meeting will explain how you and your children will be supported by the parish and the schools.

This year will be as busy as ever with over 70 children celebrating, so we will be holding most events to allow as much flexibility as possible with everyone involved, regardless of year group or school attended. In this spirit we will be holding two introductory meetings – you can choose to come to either one of them. Your children do not need to attend.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November in St Michael's Archangel Room at 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November in St Bernadette's church at 6.30pm**

At the meeting we will be explaining how the programme works and sharing key dates with you. Shortly after these meetings we will be holding special celebration Masses for the children. Please make sure you attend this event to as it will mark the beginning of your child's sacramental journey. The Mass times are:

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Michael's church at 9.30am**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Bernadette's church at 11.00am** In preparation for the meeting, please watch this short video. It is one of many such resources produced by our diocese to support you further:



<https://youtu.be/10snKp2ptlQ>

Scan the QR code or access via the link above

Thank you for the commitment you are making in nurturing your child in our shared faith. I look forward to the time we can all be together in church to celebrate this most important time in the life of your family.

Kind regards,

Canon Steven Parkinson